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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN DECISION CEASE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE
TO JEWISH EMIGRES

REF: STATE 194596

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE RECEIVED DCM
ON OCTOBER 1 TO HEAR PRESENTATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

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VIBE SAID HE PERSONALLY FULLY AGREED THAT AUSTRIAN GOVERN-

MENT'S DECISION WAS UNFORTUNATE BOTH ON HUMANITARIAN AND ON PRECEDENT GROUNDS. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT AUSTRIANS WOULD STILL PERMIT SOVIET JEWS TO TRANSIT THEIR COUNTRY AND MENTIONED CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S SUGGESTION (FRONT PAGE IN NORWEGIAN PRESS) THAT SOVIET JEWS BE TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY FROM SOVIET PORTS TO ISRAEL. VIBE DID NOT DISPUTE DCM STATEMENT THAT HE DOUBTED CHANCELLOR KREISKY WAS REALLY SERIOUS IN HIS SUGGESTION SINCE HE KNEW THAT USSR WOULD HAVE MUCH GREATER DIFFICULTY IN ALLOWING HIGHLY PUBLIZED DEPARTURE OF SOVIET JEWS ON U.S. VESSELS TO ISRAEL THAN HITHERTO LOW-PROFILE DEPARTURE OF SOVIET JEWS THROUGH NEUTRAL AUSTRIA. HE SAID HE WOULD, OF COURSE, PASS ON USG REQUEST BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE A PARALLEL DEMARCHE AT THIS TIME.

COMMENT: WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT PRESENT LAME DUCK GOVERNMENT WILL FEEL SUFFICIENTLY STRONGLY ON THIS ISSUE TO MAKE DEMARCHE SO SOON BEFORE IT IS REPLACED. BYRNE

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